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"Insane" Negro Released

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Two policemen and a 61-year old Negro described by them as "Mentally Unbalanced" escaped injury Sunday when the service revolver of one of the officers "accidentally" discharged when he struck the Negro on the head with the butt of the pistol. No charges were lodged against the Negro who was released. — How long must it take one to learn how to read between lines, and how long must a minority group be the victims of armed bullies? If the one in question acted insane it seems as the physically strong police could hand cuy him and call the patrol wagon. 8-5-44

There is a complaint now by health officials that mental insanity is running high. The War department expects to have more cases than they can handle in the near future and there is no place to keep them now. When persons are struck on the head by butt ends of pistols or other heavy objects, blood clots are likely to form and cause blindness and insanity. The law agency who has more cases now than they can handle should not be guilty of creating more trouble for themselves.

The schools operated for them a few weeks ago must have omitted that part of instruction, "How to arrest a Negro" or did it teach them that the way to arrest a Negro is to beat him over the head? If that kind of treatment was given a white person, a suit would be lodged against such persons. Most of this kind of thing happens to the lower class, but the higher class must go to their rescue.

It is pathetic to think that our law officers cannot be talked to at times by Negroes, without being informed that he is a white man and a Negro is not allowed to say this or that to him. That is usually the cause of the unnecessary beatings. If he fails to talk, he is wrong, and if he talks he is saying the wrong thing. Probably we do need Negro police who will understand our people better than the natural born hater. In the kind of world for which we fight, there must be a way to have more justice for our people. Race hate leaves no place for common sense and if our people police our race the common sense issue will bring about better understanding for us. 9-5-44

A resolution for the next police school — "Be it resolved that a portion of the class period be devoted to the subject, "How an officer of the law should arrest a Negro."